

# UNODC template for international cooperation cases

## Case Summary Basic Information

Case citation <sup>1</sup> :	M.T. Case
Country:	France

## Fact Summary

On 16 November 2022, the French authorities were informed that M.T. had been arrested in Colombia on the basis of an arrest warrant issued by the Paris Judicial Court. M.T. was wanted for standing trial for drug trafficking, drug importation, participation in an organized criminal group, and trafficking in dangerous goods.

An extradition request was sent to the Colombian authorities, on the basis of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime of 15 November 2000.

On 30 August 2023, M.T. was extradited to France by the Colombian authorities.

## Commentary

The United Nations Convention against Transnational Organised Crime is frequently used by French courts as a basis for extradition requests to the Colombian authorities. Indeed, it enables extradition requests for offences not covered by the bilateral Franco-Colombian extradition agreement.

## Offences involved

- Corruption** (Articles 15–22 UNCAC)
- Counterfeiting**
- Cybercrime**
- Drug-related offences**  
 (Article 36 1961 Single Convention; Article 22 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances; Article 3(1)(a) 1988 Vienna Convention)
- Money laundering**  
 (Article 23 UNCAC; Article 6 UNTOC; Article 3(1)(b) 1988 Vienna Convention)
- Obstruction of justice** (Article 25 UNCAC; Article 23 UNTOC)
- Participation in an organized criminal group** (Article 5 UNTOC)
- Piracy and other maritime crime** (Article 101 UNCLOS)
- Smuggling of migrants** (Articles 3, 6 Smuggling of Migrants Protocol)
- Illicit manufacturing/ trafficking in firearms/parts/ ammunition** (Article 5 Firearms Protocol)
- Trafficking in cultural property** (article 2(b) UNTOC on “serious crime”)
- Trafficking in persons** (Articles 3, 5 Trafficking in Persons Protocol)
- Manufacture of and/or trafficking in falsified medical products** (article 2(b) UNTOC on “serious crime”)
- Crimes that affect the environment**

<sup>1</sup> If there are multiple cases summarized, cite the principal judicial decision. If no citation is available, refer to the popular name of the case or the name of the operation, as relevant.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Terrorism (only to the extent there are links to organized crime)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other 'serious crimes' related/linked to organized crime (Article 2(b) UNTOC)</b>
Enter offences here

International Cooperation Issues	
<b>Countries involved</b>	<p><b>France and Colombia</b></p> <p>Agencies involved in investigation (if applicable): <b>French and Colombian central authorities</b></p>
<b>Legal basis of international cooperation</b>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime</i> (as a stand-alone legal basis)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bilateral treaty: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other multilateral treaty: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime</i> in conjunction with other multilateral treaty: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime</i> in conjunction with bilateral treaty: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> National legislation: specify</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reciprocity/comity</p>
<b>Modalities of international judicial cooperation</b>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extradition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International cooperation for purposes of identification, tracing, freezing or seizure or confiscation of proceeds of crime or property/asset recovery</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mutual legal assistance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of criminal proceedings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of sentenced person(s)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Joint investigations (as applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International cooperation on the use of special investigative techniques.</p> <p>For any of the above modalities of international cooperation, please specify the relevant details, as applicable: [...]</p>
<b>Law Enforcement Cooperation</b>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Exchange of information</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Identity, whereabouts and activities of persons suspected</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Movement of proceeds of crime or of property</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Movement of property, equipment or other instrumentalities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Requests to obtain electronic evidence</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Financial investigations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Joint investigations (as applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Use of INTERPOL channels</p> <p>For any of the above forms of law enforcement cooperation, please specify the relevant details, as applicable: [...]</p>

## Procedural History

### General Information on Procedural History

Legal system:	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil law	<input type="checkbox"/> Common law	<input type="checkbox"/> Islamic law
	<input type="checkbox"/> Customary law	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist law	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed system

Where there are multiple proceedings, copy and paste the below section and fill it out for each of such proceedings

#### Proceeding #1

Citation:	
Date of decision:	
Type of proceedings:	<input type="checkbox"/> Trial <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal <input type="checkbox"/> Re-trial <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Name of court:	
Location of court:	
Type of court:	<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal <input type="checkbox"/> Civil <input type="checkbox"/> Labour <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative <input type="checkbox"/> International <input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify
Summary of judicial proceedings and court decision:	

## Defendants/Respondents

Total number of defendants/respondents:	
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Where there are multiple defendants, copy and paste the below sections and fill it out for each defendant

#### Defendant/Respondent 1

##### Basic Information about Defendant/Respondent

Name: <sup>2</sup>	
Gender/Adult or child:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Adult or child:	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child
Nationality:	
Information about defendant:	Including background, any prior criminal history, and role in the offending

## Charges

Where there are multiple charges, copy and paste the below section and fill it out for each charge

#### Charge 1

Name of offence:	
Citation of legislative provision(s) charged under:	

<sup>2</sup> Follow the naming and anonymity conventions used by the courts of the country in question.

Verdict:	<input type="checkbox"/> Guilty <input type="checkbox"/> Not guilty/acquittal <input type="checkbox"/> Charge withdrawn <input type="checkbox"/> Conviction vacated/overtaken/reversed <input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify
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### Sentences and Other Orders for Defendant/Respondent

<input type="checkbox"/> Custodial sentence	
Term of imprisonment:	
Non-parole period:	
Sentence suspended:	<input type="checkbox"/> Wholly <input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> Not suspended
<input type="checkbox"/> Fine or payment to State	
Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Fine <input type="checkbox"/> Other payment to State: Indicate type of payment
Amount and Currency:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation to victim	
Amount and Currency:	
Victim:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other orders	
Details:	

### Victims

Total number of victims	...
Including	... adult male victims ... adult female victims ... child victims (aged 17 or under; regardless of gender)

Where there are multiple victims, copy and paste the below section and fill it out for each victim

#### Victim 1

Name <sup>3</sup> :	
Anonymized name <sup>4</sup> :	e.g. Victim 1
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Adult or child:	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Child
Nationality:	
Information about victim:	

### Sources and Related Cases

#### Sources

Judicial decisions and other court documents	
Government reports and press releases	
Other sources	

<sup>3</sup> Victims' names are recorded only for the purpose of verifying information contained in the original judicial decisions.

<sup>4</sup> Please only refer to the victim by their anonymized name throughout the template. The victim's actual name should only appear in the 'Name' field.

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